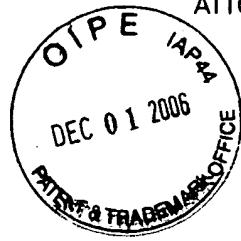




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Art Unit 2624

Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/635,009; Filed: August 6, 2003  
For: **Contoured Prism Print Scanners**  
Inventors: Carver *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1823.0740001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Requirement for Election of Species; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

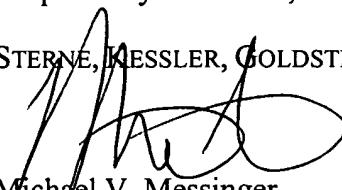
In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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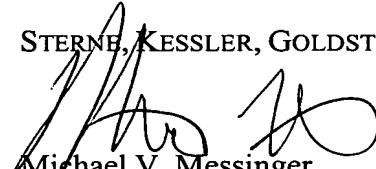
In reply to the Office Action dated **November 2, 2006**, Applicants hereby provisionally elect a subset of the claims that correspond to Species I. Species I is depicted in Figures 1 and 2. Claims 1-7 read on the elected species. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

While this election is made **without traverse**, Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a). Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

It is believed that an extension of time is not required, beyond that which may otherwise be provided for in the accompanying documents. However, in the event that an extension of time not provided for herewith is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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